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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$270.
 - \$270 for 15 total claims over 20.
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1110.

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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

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| In re the application of |) Examiner: Unassigned |
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| Inventors: Ainsworth et al. |) Group Art Unit: Unassigned |
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| Serial No. 09/746,746 |) Docket No. ACS 54804 (23571) |
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| Filed: December 22, 2000 |) |
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| For: INTRAVASCULAR STENT |) July 24, 2001 |

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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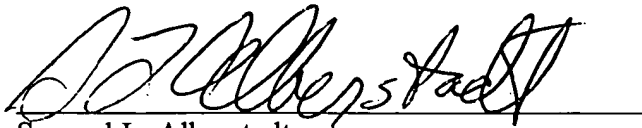
Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a three-month extension for filing a reply in the above-identified application. Applicants' response is submitted herewith. The requisite fee of \$890 pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a) is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fee or credit any over-payment to our Deposit Account No. 06-2425. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

FULWIDER PATTON LEE & UTECHT, LLP



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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our names,

We believe we are the original and first inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled INTRAVASCULAR STENT, the specification of which (check one)

___ is attached hereto

XX was filed on December 22, 2000

Application Serial No. 09/746,746

and was amended on (or amended through) _____
(if applicable)

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56(a).

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 119 (a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

| Prior Foreign Application(s) | | Priority Claimed | |
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| <u>NONE</u> | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Number | Country | Day/Month/Year filed | Yes No |

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56(a) which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

NONE

| <u>Appln. Serial No.</u> | <u>Filing Date</u> | <u>Status</u> |
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| | | (patented, pending abandoned) |

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

We hereby appoint the following attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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